

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board**

**MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

January 6, 2015

6:00 P.M.

**Meeting Location:**

Santa Clara Point Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

**Mailing Address is:**

Park and Recreation Department  
Developed Regional Parks Division  
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager  
2125 Park Boulevard  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Members Present**

Paul Robinson  
David Potter  
William Earley  
Darlene Walter  
Cynthia Hedgecock  
Ron Anderson  
Jim Greene  
Kevin Konopasek  
Giovanni Ingolia

**Members Absent**

Matt Spencer  
Francisco Christian

**Staff Present**

Stacy McKenzie

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/HEDGECK) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2014 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-2)**

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Mr. Robinson TOLD THE Committee that the De Anza lawsuit was settled. Stacey LoMedico, Assistant Chief Operating Officer will attend the February 3, 2014 meeting to speak on the topic.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Council District 2 Representative**

No staff present

**Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park**

No Report

**Lieutenant John Sandmeyer, San Diego Lifeguard Service**

Thirty (30) trees were trimmed by Park and Recreation staff in order to improve line of site for fourteen (14) cameras placed around Mission Bay. Lifeguards and Coast Guard appreciate the work. Lifeguards are phasing out existing lifeguard towers and replacing with more structured towers that include a canopy for shade.

**Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division**

Not Present

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent** (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any Committee member.)

101. None

**Adoption** (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the Committee.)

201. Approve proposed modifications to Verizon’s existing wireless communications facility “Sea World ROW”.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (INGOLIA/POTTER) TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO VERIZON’S EXISTING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY “SEA WORLD ROW” (9-0-0)**

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW**

**Special Events** (Special Events that require road or plaza closures, or will potentially impact park and/or commercial operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.)

301. GO RUCK Racing Series – Kill that 5 K, March 7, 2015. Participant chooses the amount of weight they carry in a ruck sack to compete in the race. The event will take place at dusk. Race begins in Ski Beach. 500 estimated participants. Music and beer garden for those over 21. Event will over at 9:30 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the Go Ruck Racing Series – Kill that 5 K to be held March 7, 2015.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/ANDERSON) TO APPROVE THE GO RUCK RUN TO BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 2015 (9-0-0)**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS** (No actions taken; discussed by the Committee and staff)

401. None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. Blue World Shamu Expansion and 2015 Sundry Project Review – Jerry Howes SeaWorld

Mr. Howes, SeaWorld, spoke about the Blue World expansion which will remove the existing habitat and create a new aquatic habitat three-hundred fifty (350) feet across and

fifty (50) feet deep. The habitat and surrounding improvements will not have any structures taller than thirty (30) feet. The project will submit an application for permit to the California Coastal Commission later this year.

Public Comment:

Nine (9) members of the public attended who were in support of the project but didn't speak.

Six (6) were against the project citing:

- Contamination produced by SeaWorld which pollutes the water
- Orca's die in captivity
- Negative environment impacts
- Terrible condition for animals

Mr. Howes spoke on the SeaWorld San Diego 2015 capital improvements which include the following categories:

- Maintenance or Replacement Projects
- Minor Construction Projects
- Capital Equipment Purchase
- Construction Projects

502. Customer Advocate Presentation, Public Utilities Department – David Akin

Mr. Atkins is the public advocate for the Public Utilities Department. He gave an overview of the Customer Advocate's Role:

- Focus on entire customer service
- Help navigate complex procedures/organizations
- Cross functional go-to person
- Engage, facilitate and expedite resolution of customer services issues

Mr. Atkins explained the water portion of utility bills, reasons for high bills, meter reading and errors. Mr. Atkins talked about the residential water survey and how a City representative can visit your home and:

- Show you how to read your meter
- Check for leaks
- Measure your water fixtures Provide low-flow shower heads, faucets and aerators if needed.
- Review irrigation systems
- Make irrigation schedule suggestions

## **SUB-COMMITTEE**

601. None

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** The reports are non-debatable.

None

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM

**Notice of Next Regular Meeting:** TBA  
Santa Clara Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie  
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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